

By the Queene.

❧ A Proclamation vvith certayne clauses

of diuers Statutes, & other necessary additions, first published

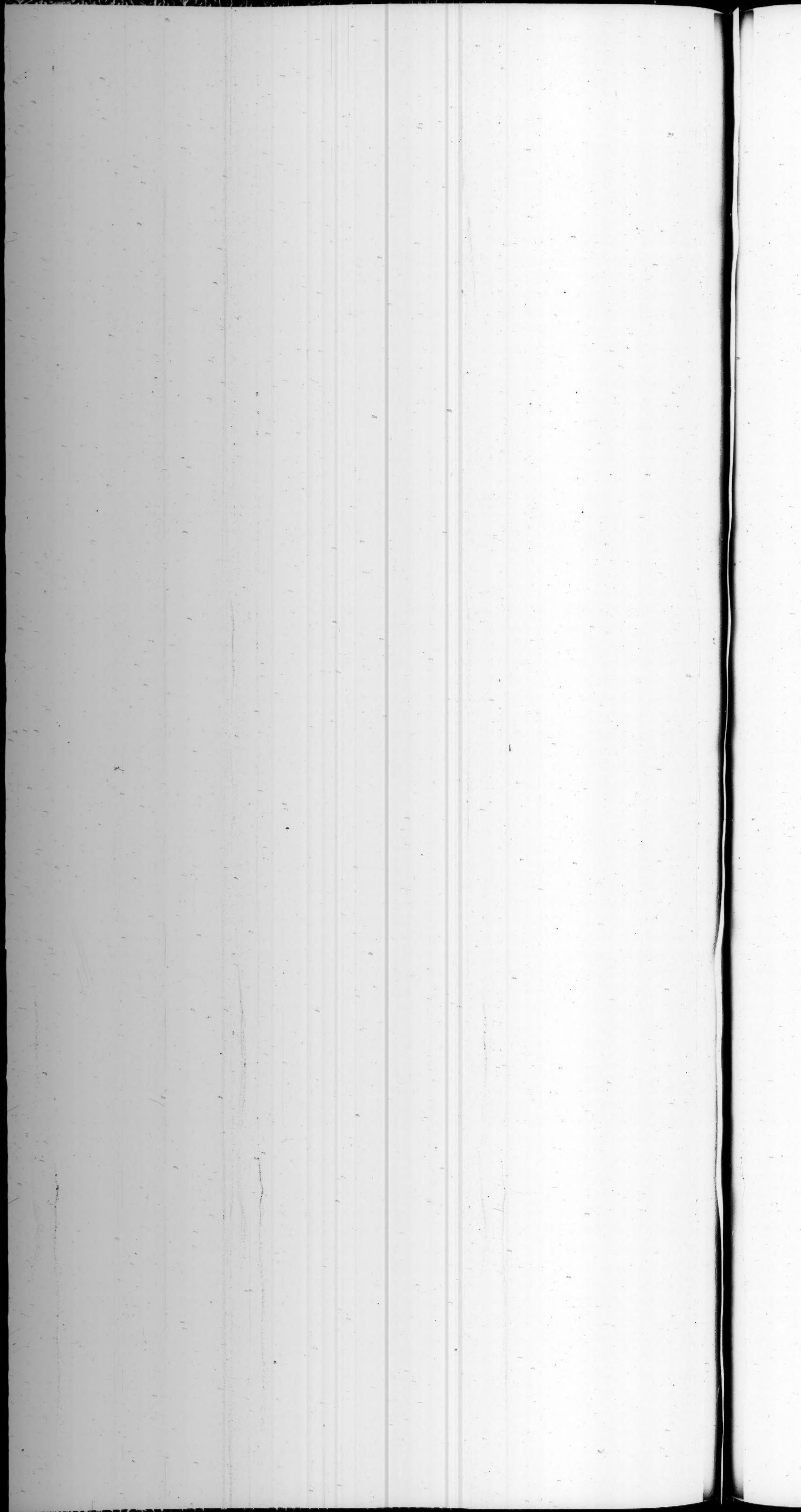
in the xix. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, and now reuiued
by her highnes commandement to be put in execution, vpon
the penalties in the same contained.



Whereas the Quenees Maiestie hath by sundry former Proclamations notified vnto her louing Subiectes of this Realme, the great inconuenience and mischief that hath growen to the same, by the great excesse of apparell in all states and degrees, but specially in the inferiour sort, contrarie to diuers lawes and Statutes of the Realme, whereof notwithstanding there hath folowed no redresse, or very litle at al: whereby hath appeared no lesse contempt in the offendours, then lacke of ductifull care in those to whome the auctoritie to see due execution of the lawes and orders provided in that behalfe was committed, which thing might giue her Maiestie iust cause (were it not that of her own gracious disposition she is naturally inclined rather to clemencie then seueritie, so long as there is any hope of redresse otherwayes) to commit the execution of the sayde lawes, to such persons as would haue proceeded therein with all extremitie. Notwithstanding, her Maiestie meaning to make some further tryall, before she haue recourse to extreme remedies, and finding vpon conference had with the Lordes and others of her pryncie counsaile, for the redresse of so grievous and pernicious a sore in this common wealth, the chiefe remedies for the same, to be example, and correction: Her Maiestie therfore for the first, whiche is example, thynketh it very meete and expedient, that the due execution in her Maiesties most honourable house, of such orders and articles as are annexed to this Proclamation, shoulde serue for a paterne throughtout the whole Realme, and therefore her Maiestie hath already giuen, and by these presentes doeth giue speciall charge to all those that beare office within the sayde house, to see due obseruation of the same, which she trusteth wil be duely obserued. And further her Maiestie doeth generally charge all noble men, of what estate or degree so euer they be, and all and euery persons of her pryncie Counsaile, all Archbishops, and Bishops, and the rest of the Clergie, and all other persons, according to theyr degrees, that they doo respectiue ly see the same speedily and duely executed in their pryncie householde and families: and likewise doeth charge all Maiors and other head officers of Cities and Townes corporate, the Chauncellours of both the Uniuersities, gouernours of Colledges, readers, auncientes & Benchers in euery the Iunes of Court and Chauncerie, and generally all that haue any superiouritie or gouernement ouer and vpon any societie or felowship, and eche man in his owne householde for theyr children and seruantes, that they likewise doo cause the sayde orders to be straightly kept by all lawfull meanes that they can.

And for the seconde, which is correction, her Maiestie hath cause to thinke, that if there had bene that seueritie vsed by those to whom the ouersight of the due execution of the lawes provided in that behalfe was committed, as to them in duetie appertained, both this sore had bene cured, and this Proclamation not needefull to haue bene published at this present.

For the better reformation whereof, her Maiesties will and pleasure is, and so doth straightly charge and commaunde, not onely al Iustices of peace, and euerye of them, to make inquirie of the defaultes and breaking of the sayde orders, at euery their quarter Sessions, and also the Iustices of Assise in ther circuits, and to see such examples made, and due punishmentes extended vpon the offendours, as by the Statutes of this Realme, with such qualifications as in this present Proclamation are conteyned, is provided in that behalfe: but also, that aswell the sayde Iustices, as all Maiors, Shirifes, and other head officers, in Cities, townes, and Borowghes, shall at any other time, cause all such persons as shall be founde faultie, and transgressing agaynst this proclamation, after the last day of Marche next ensuyng, to be apprehended and brought before them, and finding them culpable, to commit them to pryson, there to remayne without bayle or maynepsie by the space of one moneth, vnlesse the said parties so found culpable, or charged as culpable, shal enter into bonde to appeare before the Iustices at the next quarter Sessions of the peace, or of the Assises to be holden within the same Shyre, Citie, Borowgh, Towne Corporate, Fraunchise, or libertie, and there to be answerable for al such offences as shalbe proved that they haue committed contrary to the true intent and meaning of this Proclamation.



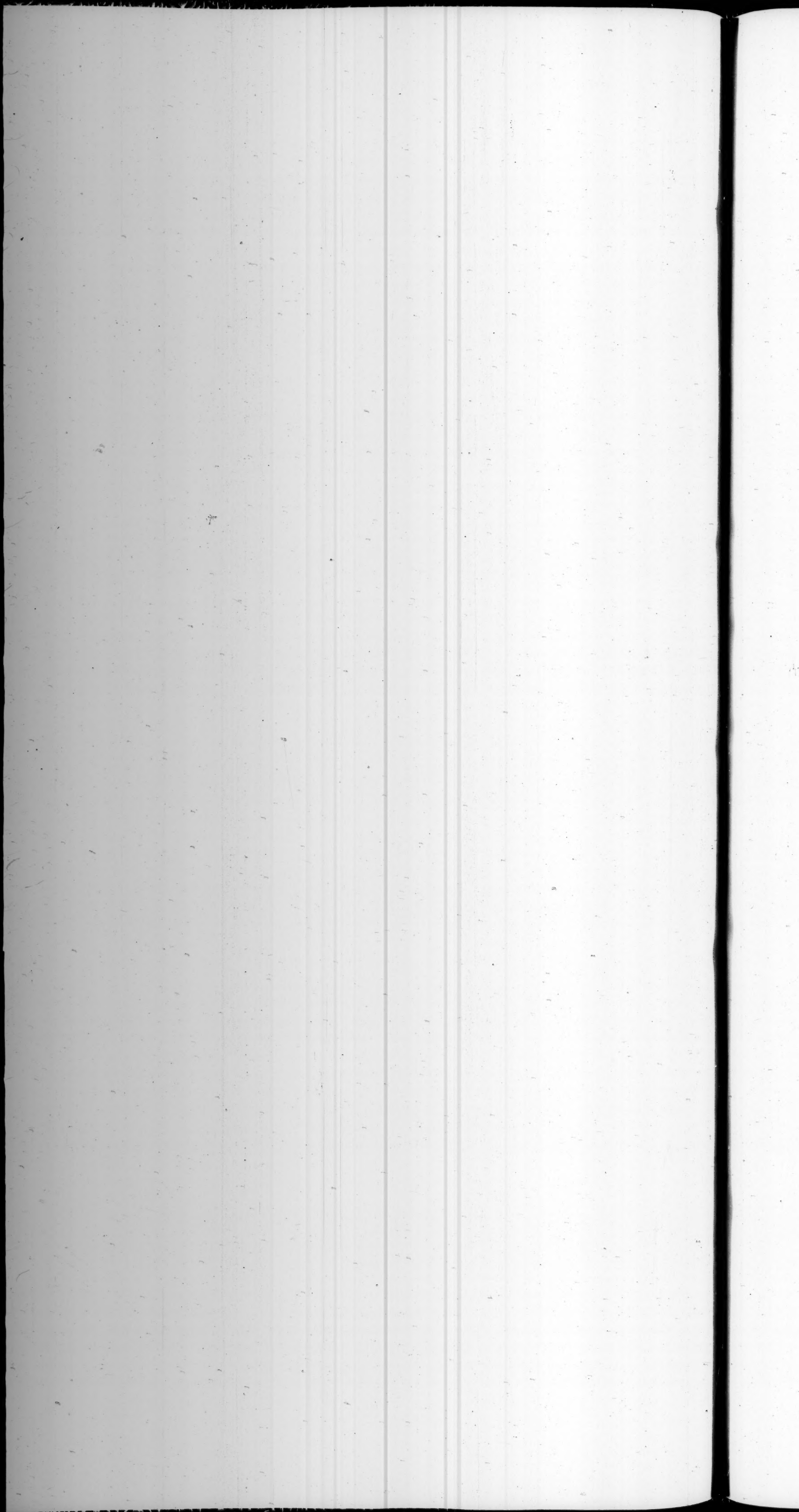
And wheremas it is appointed by the Statutes of this Realme, what euery person shall or may weare in theyr apparell, according to the seuerall rates of theyr lyuings in landes or fees, ouer and aboue all charges, and in some cases, of goodes, forasmuch as the lacke of the true and common vnderstandyng of euery mans estate and liuing, in sozt before expessed, hath been (as it seemeth) heretofore some principal cause of the lacke of the true execution of the sayde Statutes, and that it doeth manifestly appere, that the same cause will also in time to come worke the like effect, for that there is no conuenient meanes to make the states of mens liuings and values, in such sozt as is expessed in the seuerall statutes, to be commonly knowen, to such persons as ought to haue speciall care of the execution of the lawes and orders now prescribed. Her Maiestie, being desirous for the great benefite of al her highnesse Subiectes, to haue these orders more duely executed then they haue bene, and finding that it is very harde for any mans state of liuing and value, to be truly vnderstoode by other persons, if before prooue made they shoulde seeme to take knowledge of any other values and rates, then of such as be, or ought to be, for the greatest nombre expessed in the Subsidie booke, and so for lacke of the knowledge of the true rates & values mentioned in the saide statutes, the due execution of these orders may be defrauded: doeth therfore, for the auoyding of the inconuenience that may ensue, order and commaunde, that all persons, that by this Proclamation be appointed to haue care of the execution of these orders, shall for the first calling, arresting, committing, or any other pursuing of any person, for any offence committed against these orders, take knowledge of the rates and values, whereby such persons are selled in the Subsidie booke, and shall accordingly procede vpon such knowledge of their values, to impeache such as will in their apparel offend to the contrarie thereof. Neuerthelesse, if any person shall finde hym selfe greued to be impeached therewith, and for the iustifying of the wearing of his apparell, shall vpon any arrest or inditement founde agaynst hym, auowe, and offer to prooue his lyuing to be such, and so great, as by the rates expessed in the statutes he may be warranted to weare the apparell for the which he is or shall be impeached: Her Maiesties meaning and pleasure is, that euery such person shalbe admitted to make such prooue, and thereupon shall receyue iudgement of condemnation, or acquittal, according to the rates expessed in the statutes, and not otherwise, without impeaching any officer, or other person, that did arrest, challenge, or procede against him for such matter, though in the Subsidie booke his values were not sufficient to warrant the values mentioned in the actes of Parliament: Not doubting, but that all such persons, as for the maintenance of their sonde vanitie in apparell, will seeke to make their liuings to be knowen and prooued to be greater, then they were before in sellementes of Subsidies taken to be, whercof her Maiestie had the losse, shalbe thought meete by such Commissioners as hereafter shall haue auctoritie to rate men vpon the graut of any Subsidie, to be selled in the Subsidie booke, according to such values as them selues will auowe to haue for defence of wearing of such kinde of apparell, and also will be content to be answerable to the charge of other necessarie seruices for the Realme, as causes shall require.

And because there are many persons, that percase shalbe founde in outwarde apparance more sumptuous in their apparell, then by common intendement the values of their possessions or goodes may warrant, & yet they are not assessed in any Subsidie booke, partly for that they are dwelling in such places of the Realme, as are not chargeable to payments of Subsidies, or that percase they haue escaped to be assessed, or otherwise not assessed, wherupon such persons may thinke to continue their disorder, without reformation by the maner here next before prescribed: Her Maiestie, for remedie hereof, commaundeth al maner of officers, that wherc they shall see any such persons in outwarde apparance so offendyng, and not hauing knowledge of their values by booke of Subsidies, as afore is expessed, that neuerthelesse they shall stay such persons, and challenge them for such pretended offence, and deteyne them, as before by this Proclamation is limited, vntill they shall enter into bond, to make good prooue that they can dispende so much in lande and fees, or be so much woorth in goodes, as by the lawes they be thereby warranted to weare such apparell: And that no publique officer shalbe at any tyme impeached for such stay, and deteynynge of any such person, so apparantly seeming to haue offended.

Provided alwayes notwithstanding, that the sayd publique officer shall not at any time, vnder the colour of the execution of this present Proclamation, arrest any person or persons, whom either they themselves shalbe knowen and prooued to malice, or els shalbe procured thereto by others, in respect of some particular quarell, vpon payne of her Maiesties displeasure, and suche punishment as shall be thought meete by the Lordes and others of her Maiesties priuie Counsaile.

Given at our Palace of Westminster, the xii. of februarye, in the xxii. yere of our raigne.

God saue the Queene.

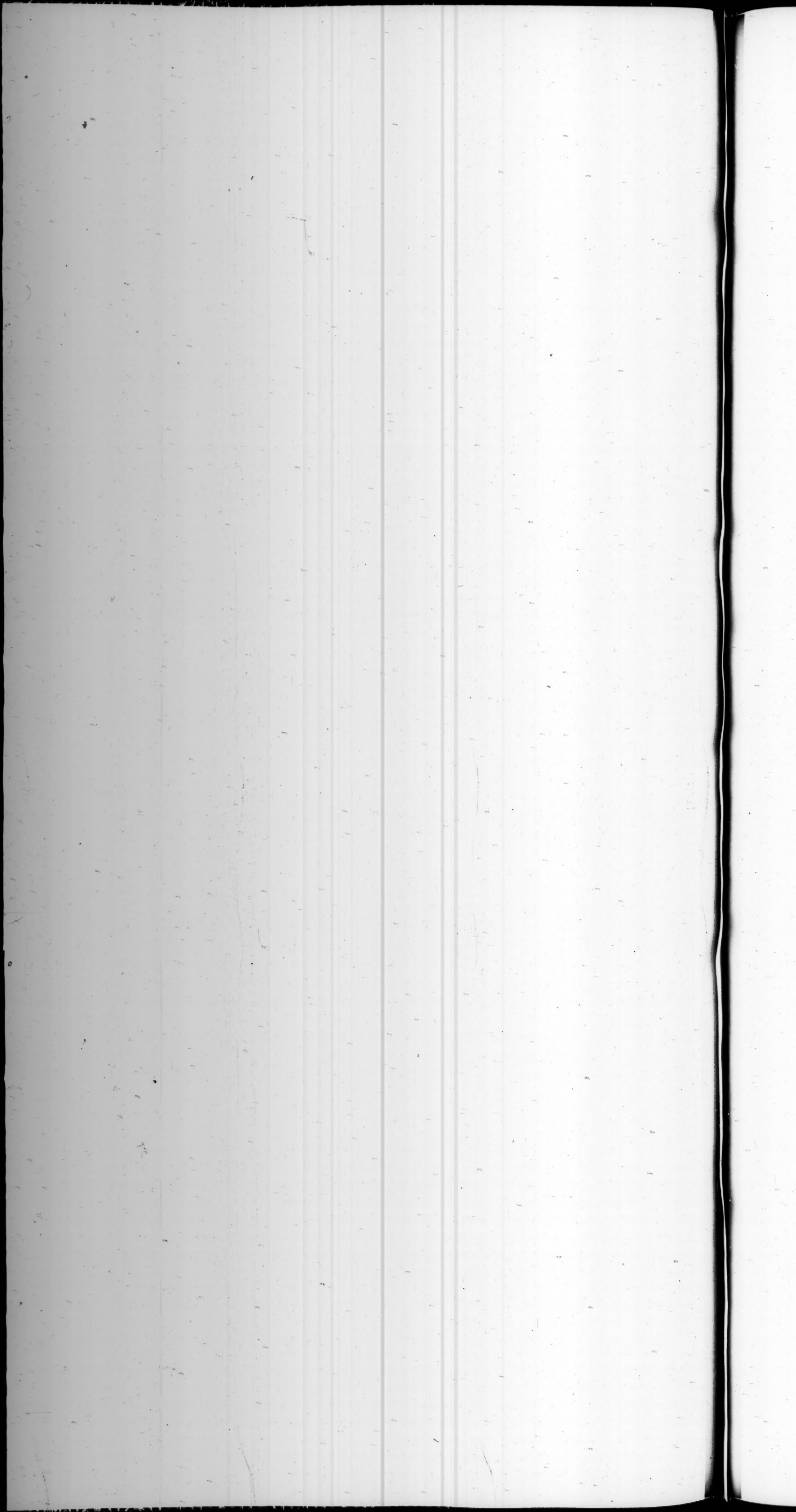


A brieft content of certaine clauses

of the Statutes of King Henrie the eyght, and Queene Marie,
with some moderation thereof, and other prouisions to be obserued,
according to her Maiesties Proclamation
aboue mentioned.

Mens apparell.

None shal weare in his appar- rell	Sylke of the colour Pur- ple, cloth of Golde, or Sil- uer Tissued, nor furre of Sables.		Under the degree of an Earle.
	Cloth of Golde, Siluer, or Tinsell Satten.		
	Sylke, Cloth, Canuas, or any stufte in any apparell, that shalbe myxed or imbrodered with any Gold or Siluer.		Under the degree of a Baron.
None shal weare in his appar- rell	Woollen clothe made out of the Realme, sauing in Cappes only.		
	Veluet { Crymson, Carnation, or Blewe. Scarlet cloth.		
	Furres of { Blacke Tenets, or Lusernes.		Under the degree of
	Imbroderie, or Taylers worke, hauing Golde, or Siluer, or Pearle therein. Nor any Enami- ell, Muske, Ambergrece, Agate, or any other pretious Stone, in Chayne, Button, or Aglet. Nor any Doublet, Jerkin, or other ap- parel of any stufte perfumed.		A Knight of the order, one of the pri- uie Counsell, or a Gentleman of the priuie Chamber.
	Gownes, Clokes, Capes, or other vnder- permost garments		
	Furres of Libardes.		
	Imbroderie, or Taylers worke like to imbroderie, with Sylke, Bugle, or any other like thing.		
	Nor any Cappes, Hats, Hat- bandes, Capbandes, Garters, Bootehose, trymmed with Or Sylke neather Stockes.		Under the degree of
	Shertes, Shertbandes { garnished, mixte, or wrought with Golde.		
	Ruffes made or wrought out of Englande, com- monly called Cutworke.		
None shal weare	Spurres, Swordes, Rapieres, Skaynes, Woodknyues, or Hangers. Buckles of Gyrdles.		
	Damasked, under the degree of		A Knight of the order. One of the priuie Counsell. A Gentleman of the priuie cham- ber.
	Gylte, under the degree of a Knight.		
None shal weare	Syluered, under the degrees and persons before mentioned.		
	In trappings, or Harnesse for any their Horses.		
	Studdes, Buckles, or Gilte, Siluered, other garniture, being or Damasked. Nor Stirrops Gylte, Siluered, or Damasked, Nor any veluet in Saddles, or Horse trappings.		except The degrees before mentioned, and other Gentlemen onely in the furniture of their great Horses meete for seruice.



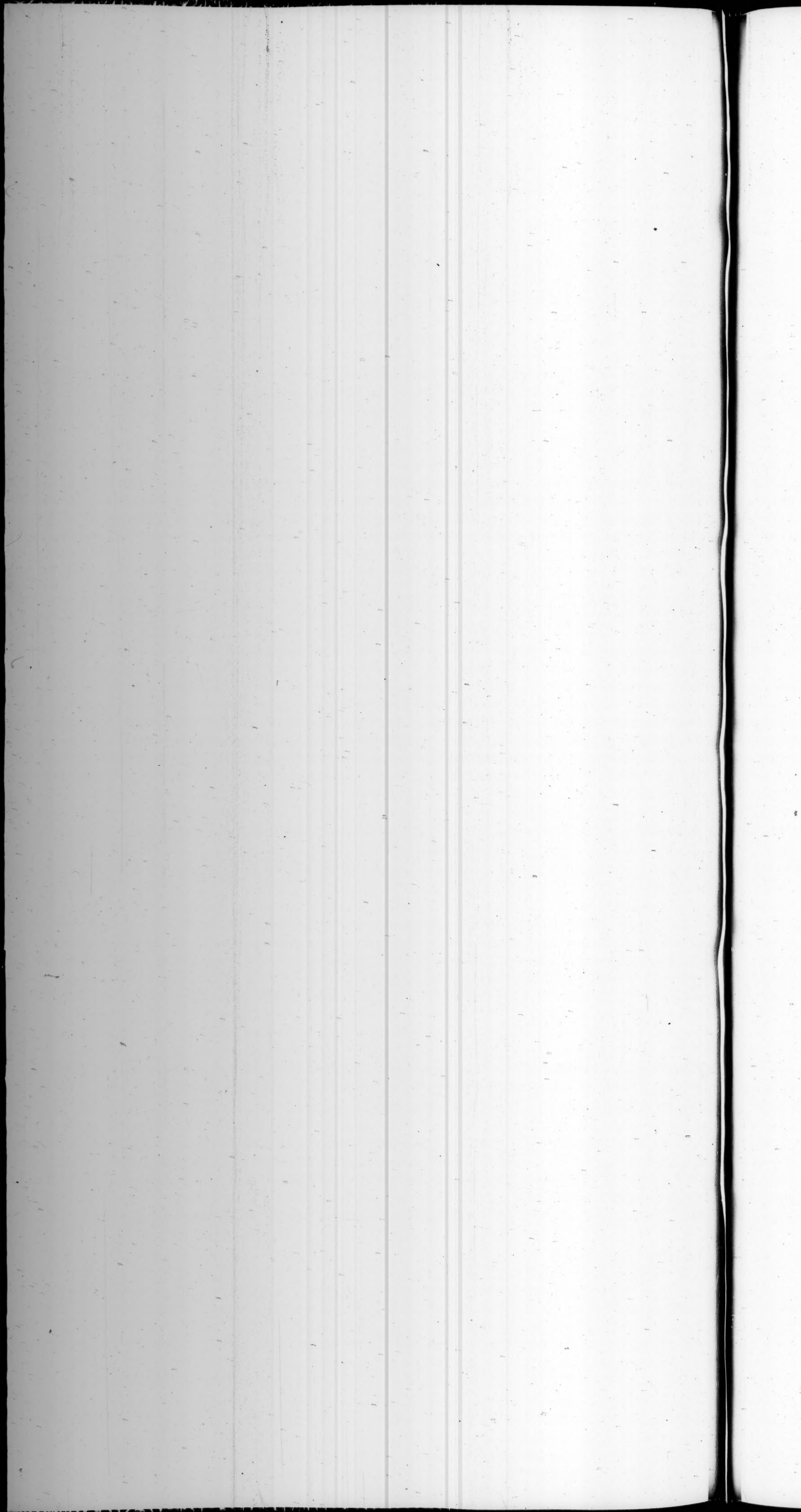
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Note that the Lorde	{ Chaunceloz, Treasurer, President of the Counsel, Priue Seale, and other like great offices of the Realme,	{ may weare in their apparel, and vpon their Horses, Mules, and Geldinges, as they might haue done before by the promission of former Statutes of this Realme.
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Note that the	{ Bishops, and other of the Cleargie, Iustices of eyther Benche, Barons of the Exchequer, Master of the Rolles, Sergeantes at Lawe, The Quenes learned Counsell, and the Quenes Phisitions, and al other graduats in the two vniuersities. Masters of the Chauncerie, Apprentices of the Lawe, Mayors, Aldermen, Sheriffes, and al other head officers of Cities & Townes corporate, & Wardens of occupations, during the continuance of their offices. Barons of the five Portes.	{ may weare in their apparell, and vpon their Mules, and Horses, as they haue done before by the provisions of former Statutes.
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Womens Apparel.

{ Sylke of the colour Purple.		{ except }	{ such persons of great estate as are expressed in the Statute of 24. Hen. 8.
{ Cloth of } Golde or Syluer tiffue, or Furre of Sables.		{ vnder the degree of }	{ A Countesse.
{ Cloth of } Golde, Syluer, Tynnelled Satten. Sylke, or Cloth, mixed or imbrode- red w Golde, or Syluer, or Pearle, sauiug Sylke mixed with Golde or Syluer, in lining of Caules, Part- lettes, or Sleeues.		{ vnder the degree of }	{ A Baronesse.



No wo-
man shall
weare any

Ueluct { Crimson,
Carnation,
Bléwe.
Furres of { Blacke Tenets,
Lufernes.
Imbroderie, wth Lace, { Gold, or
or Pacement Lace of { Siluer.

except

All degrees aboue mentioned.

The wyues of { Knightes of the order,
and of y^e priuie Counsell.

The Ladyes and { The priuie Chamber,
Gentlewomen of { Bedde Chamber, and
Maydes of Honor.

Gownes or Clokes of Ueluct,
Satten, or of tuffe Taffata.
Furres of Libardes.
Imbroderie of any Sylke, nor Tay-
lers woork, like to imbroderie, nor
Caules,
Sleeues, { Pearle,
Ruffes, { Spangles, or
Partlets or linings { Purles of gold
trymmed with { or Siluer.

except

The degrees and persons aboue mentioned.

And wyues of { Barons sonnes, and al-
so the daughters of Ba-
rons, and the wyues of
knightes, or of persons
that may dispend and be
fessed at two hundred
pound landes in the sub-
sidie booke.

Hattes, { Garnished or
Cappes, { Imbrodered
Hatbandes, { with Gold
Capbandes, { or Siluer.
White woorkes, alias Cutwoorkes,
made beyonde the Seas,
Sylke Hose.

Under the degrees and persons aboue mentioned.

Gownes,
Cloakes, { Damaske,
or other vpper { Sylke Grograine,
garments of { or Taffata.
Kirtles of { Ueluct, or
Satten.
Furres, whereof the kinde groweth
not within the Queenes Domini-
ons, except foynes, gray Tenettes,
Budge, and Woolfe.
Caules of Gold or Siluer, or Caules
myred with Golde or Syluer,
Ueluct in gardes of Gownes.

except

The degrees and persons aboue men-
tioned, or the wyues of those that may
dispend one hundred pounce landes
by the yere, and so valued in the
Subsidie booke, and daughters of
any knight, and such as be sworne
the Queenes women, or the wyues
of those that shall keepe continually
one great Horse, with sufficient fur-
niture for her Maiesties seruice in
the warres.

None shal
weare any

Gownes of { Taffata,
Sylke Grograine,
Chamlet,
Kirtles of { Satten, or
Damaske,

except

The degrees and persons before mentioned,
the wife of the sonne and heire apparant of
him y^e may dispend one hundred poundes,
vt supra, and the wyues of those y^e may dispend
one hundred Markes by y^e yere, vt supra.

Gentlewomen { Dutchesse,
ordinarilye at { Marquesse,
tendaunt vpon { Countesse,

May weare as y^e wyues of those that may
dispende one hundred pounce by the yere,
and are valued vt supra.

Gentlewomen { Viscountes wyues,
ordinarilye at { Barons wyues, the
tendaunt vpon { wyues of knyghtes
of the order, and of the
priuie Counsell,

May weare as y^e wyues of those that may
dispende one hundred Markes, valued vt
supra. And may also weare their liurie
Gownes, garded with Ueluct.

None shal
weare any

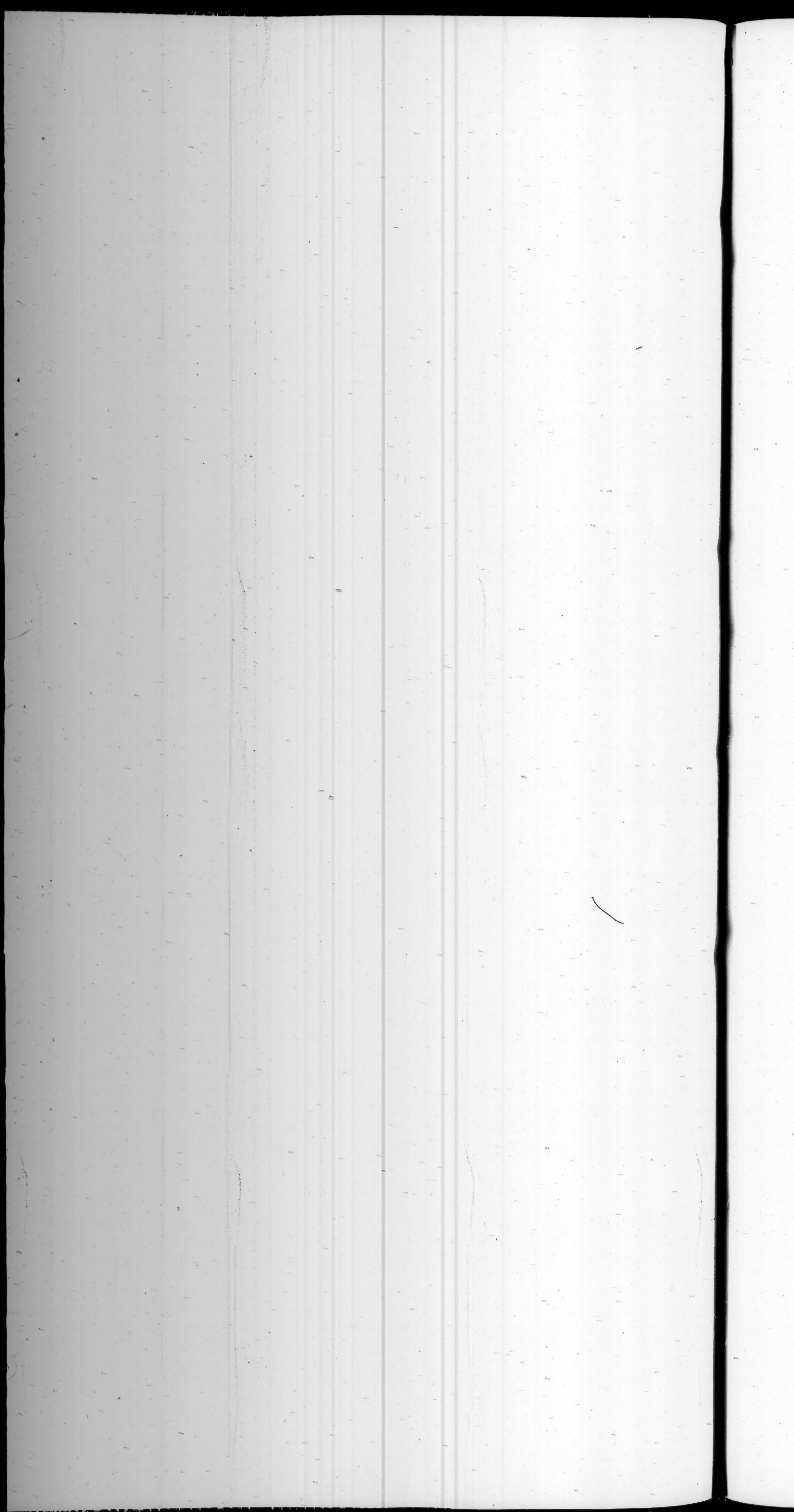
Peticoates of Ueluct, nor
any Golde or Syluer vpon
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Taffata,
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Golde or Syluer in any

Under the degree of < A Baronesse.

Cloake or
Saugarde, { vnder the
degree of

A wyfe of a knight of the Order, or
of the priuie Counsell, or any Gen-
tlewoman attending on y^e Queenes
Maiestie in her Chamber, or the
Maydes of Honor.

No person vnder the degrees aboue specified, shall weare any garde or welt of
Sylke, vpon any Cloake or Saugarde. A v



Necessarie additions.

1 In primis, that all officers of her Maiesties housholde, and other her seruantes in ordinarie, not conteyned within the rates limited and set forth by the Proclamation, shall obserue such orders for their apparel, as shalbe from tyme to tyme set downe in wytyng by the Lord Chamberlaine, the master of the Horse, and other her Maiesties principal officers of her housholde.

2 Item, if any person shal, in contempt & defrauding of this Proclamation, deuise any newe kynde or fourme of apparell, and for garnishyng thereof, and thereby shalbe at greater charge then appertayneth to his degree and qualitie, and is here aboue mentioned and entended: Then the sayde person to susteyne the lyke punishment for his contempt, as if the sayde garment or garnishyng had been especially prohibited.

3 Item, that it shalbe lawfull for all Iustices of peace, and Sheriffes of Shires, to weare Veluet or other Silkes in their Coates or Casockes, at such tymes as they shall attende vpon the Queenes Maiesties person, or when they shall resort to places of Assises and Sessions, and other generall assemblies for the Queenes seruice.

4 Item, that no person vnder the degree of a Baron, a Knight of the order, one of the priue Counsell, a gentleman of her Maiesties priue Chamber, or any other gentleman ordinarily attendant vpon her Maiesties person, shall weare any gardes of Veluet vpon any one garment, exceeding in the whole in Veluet the breadth of sixe inches.

5 Item, that it shalbe lawfull for the Lordes of the Parliament, to giue for their lyueries, Coates, or Cloakes, garded with Veluet or any other Silke, the gardes in the whole not exceeding in breadth aboue foure inches.

6 Item, that it shalbe lawfull for the fornes of those that may dispende .xl.l. by the yere, being so rated at the last Subsidie, and for wardes whose land is .xl.l. by the yere, to weare Sarcenet in the lynning of their Hose, Dublets, Hattes, or Cappes.

7 Item, that it shalbe lawfull to weare in liueries, Silke Buttons, and Cassata, Grograyne, Veluet, or other Silke in the facing of Coates, as is commonly vsed.

8 Item, that all inferior persons, vnder the degrees aboue specified, not otherwysc prouyded for, or limited by this Proclamation, shall conformance them selues in their apparel, in all thynges according to the Statute made & prouided in anno. 24. Henrici. 8. and in anno. 1. 2. Philippi & Marie. Or els to susteyne such punishment as by the sayd Statute is prouided.

9 Item, that all Apprentices at the lawe, and vtter barristers of the Innes of Court, and al Marchauntes of any societie, and al that keepe household in Citie or Towne, and such as may dispende .xx.l. by the yere, may weare a welt of Veluet in their Cownes, Jackets, or coates.

That no person shalbe impeached for wearyng of any cloth made within the Realme, so long as he shal obserue the order and rates by this present Proclamation limited. But if any person shall willingly breake the tenor and effect of this Proclamation, then her highnesse pleasure is, that euery such offender shall haue the penalties of the lawes extended agaynst them to the vttermost, without any toleration or fauour.